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**PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR THE NOTICE DATED MARCH 18, 2008**  
Written comments are to be sent to the above address.

**WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE: MAY 12, 2008**

Date: May 12, 2008

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I/We ☐ (do) ☒ (do not) agree with:

The Agency proposed modifications As Submitted on Section No. 503 Performance Approach (HCD)  
and request that this section or reference provision be recommended:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Held for Further Study ☒ Approved as Amended

to the proposing state agency.

**Suggested Revisions to the Text of the Regulations:**

**503.2 Energy performance.** Using an Alternative Calculation Method approved by the California Energy Commission, calculate each low-rise residential building's TDV energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and compare it to the standard or "budget" building.

**503.2.1 Tier 1.** Exceed 2007 California Energy Code requirements by 15%.

**503.2.2 Tier 2.** Exceed 2007 California Energy Code requirements by 35%.

Field verify and document the measures and calculations used to reach the desired level of efficiency following the requirements specified in the Title 24 Residential Alternative Calculation Method Manual.

**Reason:** [The reason should be concise. If the request is for "Disapproval," "Further Study," or "Approve As Amend", identify at least one of the 9-point criteria (following) of Health and Safety Code §18930.]

This section should mirror the nonresidential section 503.1 Energy Performance by including a Tier 1 and Tier 2 that exceed Title 24. This is also necessary for this Standard to be more of a "model ordinance" that can be adopted by local governments.

## HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 18930

### SECTION 18930. APPROVAL OR ADOPTION OF BUILDING STANDARDS; ANALYSIS AND CRITERIA; REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS; FACTUAL DETERMINATIONS

- (a) Any building standard adopted or proposed by state agencies shall be submitted to, and approved or adopted by, the California Building Standards Commission prior to codification. Prior to submission to the commission, building standards shall be adopted in compliance with the procedures specified in Article 5 (commencing with Section 11346) of Chapter 3.5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Building standards adopted by state agencies and submitted to the commission for approval shall be accompanied by an analysis written by the adopting agency or state agency that proposes the building standards which shall, to the satisfaction of the commission, justify the approval thereof in terms of the following criteria:
- (1) The proposed building standards do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.
  - (2) The proposed building standard is within the parameters established by enabling legislation and is not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.
  - (3) The public interest requires the adoption of the building standards.
  - (4) The proposed building standard is not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious, in whole or in part.
  - (5) The cost to the public is reasonable, based on the overall benefit to be derived from the building standards.
  - (6) The proposed building standard is not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.
  - (7) The applicable national specifications, published standards, and model codes have been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where appropriate.
    - (A) If a national specification, published standard, or model code does not adequately address the goals of the state agency, a statement defining the inadequacy shall accompany the proposed building standard when submitted to the commission.
    - (B) If there is no national specification, published standard, or model code that is relevant to the proposed building standard, the state agency shall prepare a statement informing the commission and submit that statement with the proposed building standard.
  - (8) The format of the proposed building standards is consistent with that adopted by the commission.
  - (9) The proposed building standard, if it promotes fire and panic safety as determined by the State Fire Marshal, has the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.